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SUBJ: WEST BANKERS TO CIRO - OFF AGAIN, ON AGAIN

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1. AFTER SEVERAL FALSE STARTS AND DELAYS, IT NOW APPEARS THAT WEST BANK DELEGATIONS FROM HEBRON, JERICHO, BETHLEHEM, AND RAMALLAH WILL CROSS INTO EGYPT NEAR AL QANTARAH THIS COMING NIGHT, DECEMBER 20 - 21. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT EGYPTIANS HAVE GIVEN APPROVAL FOR VISIT, HOWEVER, ICRC REP TELLS US THAT EGYPTIANS HAVE NOT INFORMED ICRC OF GOE PERMISSION FOR CROSSING.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM ONE OF THE WEST BANKERS PLANNING TO GO THAT THE CROSSING HAS BEEN WORKED OUT DIRECTLY BETWEEN ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS. WEST BANKERS EXPECT TO GO TO CAIRO AND HOPE TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AND EXPRESS THEIR
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SUPPORT TO HIM IN PERSON. ABOUT 150 PEOPLE ARE ESTIMATED TO BE GOING ON THIS PILGRIMAGE.

2. AS TO SEPARATE DELEGATION FROM NABLUS (SEE JERUSALEM 2187 AND 2194), WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT ABDULRA'OUF AL FARIS IS STILL AWAITING GO-AHEAD FROM EGYPTIAN EMBASSY AMMAN. THIS DELEGATION WILL TRAVEL VIA AMMAN. IT IS

COMPOSED OF ABOUT 15 PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE WHO WILL PRESENT
PETITION SIGNED BY 9,000 WEST BANKERS.

4. COMMENT: WE MAY EXPECT THAT WEST BANKERS APPEARANCE IN
EGYPT WILL AROUSE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PUBLICITY. HOWEVER,
WE BELIEVE THAT ALL PARTIES -- EGYPTIANS, ISRAELIS, PLO,
PRESS AND EVERY BODY ELSE--REALIZE THAT THESE DELEGATIONS,
WHILE REPRESENTING THE SENTIMENTS OF A MAJORITY OF WEST
BANKERS, DO NOT INCLUDE ANY IMPORTANT WEST BANK POLITICAL
PERSONALITY.

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